

*Thursday, September 6, 2007
MSU Kellogg Center
East Lansing, Michigan*



MI RESPONSE TO HATE

BUILDING UNITED COMMUNITIES

A CONFERENCE PRESENTED BY THE MICHIGAN ALLIANCE AGAINST HATE CRIMES

AND

THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Bias incidents motivated by race, religion, national origin/ethnicity, sexual orientation and disability are on the rise across the country. In Michigan, hate groups are proliferating while we currently rank third nationally in the number of reported bias-motivated criminal offenses. This conference will provide a structured opportunity for Michigan to develop community-based response systems to hate and bias incidents and address the needs of our communities.

IS YOUR COMMUNITY PREPARED?

OPENING PLENARY



Dr. Randy Blazak is Director of the Hate Crimes Research Network based at Portland State University and author of *Renegade Kids, Suburban Outlaws: From Youth Culture to Delinquency*. Dr. Blazak operates Oregon Spotlight with Steven Stroud, a former Skinhead, to help youth extricate themselves from white supremacist and extremist movements in the Pacific Northwest.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Mark A. Potok is Director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's (SPLC) Intelligence Project and Editor of *Intelligence Report* magazine, one of the most highly regarded operations monitoring the extremists in the world today. Before joining the SPLC in 1997, Mr. Potok spent 20 years as an award-winning reporter at *USA Today*, the *Dallas Times Herald*, and *The Miami Herald*. While at *USA Today*, Mr. Potok covered the 1993 siege in Waco, Texas, the rise of militia groups, the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, and the trial of Timothy McVeigh.



*This conference is provided at no cost to registered participants. Free parking is also provided.
Funding provided by a Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) grant in cooperation with the Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission.*

MIAAHC HATE CRIMES CONFERENCE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Legal and Judicial Community
Crisis Responders and Counselors
Healthcare Professionals/Emergency Providers
Educators and School Administrators
Civil Rights Organizations and Advocates
Faith-Based Leaders

Diversity Trainers
Law Enforcement Professionals
Human Relations Commissions
Media
Social Workers and Therapists
Victim Advocates



Featuring Closing
Remarks by
Governor Granholm

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration	1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Session II
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Opening Plenary	2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Session III
9:45 AM – 11:30 AM	Session I	4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Closing Remarks by
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch		Governor Jennifer M. Granholm

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

SESSION I – COLLECTIVE COMMUNITIES

- **The Media's Role:** A panel of experts will discuss the importance of reporting accuracy, establishing credible communication links, the responsibility for protecting the victim from additional victimization, and the media's role within a community response system.
- **Community Based Organizations and Advocacy Agencies:** Participants will identify resources, discuss strategies for responding cohesively to bias incidents, and examine strategies on how to build a community network that supports victims of bias incidents.
- **Government and Human Relations Commissions:** Following a brief discussion of events in several Michigan communities, participants will examine the roles and objectives of municipal government including human relations commissions, and the response strategies necessary for community development, growth and healing.
- **Educational Communities:** As a backdrop for hate crimes and bias incidents and starting point for prevention, a panel will examine the integral role educational institutions play in community response systems.
- **Law Enforcement, Emergency Responders and Victim Advocates:** From community policing to crisis response, the roles and objectives of law enforcement are defined with a review of necessary short and long-term response strategies and legal limitations.

SESSION II – INCIDENTS/BEST PRACTICES

- **Leafletting and Hate Group Organizing:** How to effectively respond to leafletting and hate group organizing activities, including the impact of new technologies and media outlets on organized activity.
- **Demonstrations:** How to organize and prepare for scheduled and spontaneous demonstrations involving hate and bias incidents, organized hate groups, and counter protestors.
- **Crimes Against Persons, Property and Society:** With an overview of Michigan's current data collection efforts, an expert panel will define ways of responding to crimes against persons, vandalism and targeting of institutions, hate speech, cross burnings, and incidents beyond the crime.
- **Available Services for Prevention and Response:** A critical look at the information and services available to Michigan communities by local, state and federal agencies, including topics on juvenile justice, gang activity, and restorative justice programs.

SESSION III – COMMUNITY RESPONSE SYSTEMS: During this closing plenary, attendees will be separated into regional groups as a moderated "model" community response panel demonstrates effective local responses to hate.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Space is limited, so please register early! This event is at no cost to registrants and registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

***The registration deadline has been extended until August 29, 2007.**

TO REGISTER BY MAIL OR FAX, COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO:

Florine Davis
Michigan Department of Civil Rights
Capitol Tower Building, Suite 900
110 West Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933
Fax: 517-241-7520

EMAIL REGISTRATIONS MAY BE SENT TO:

mdcr-registration@michigan.gov. Your email must include the information on this registration form, including your name, organization, mailing address, phone and fax numbers and any accommodations you will require. Electronic forms are available at www.mi.gov/mdcr.

Please print or type the following information:

Title (Circle One) Dr. Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.

Name _____

Title _____

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Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____

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Please specify any reasonable accommodations or dietary requests. _____

☐ Check here if you intend to contact **MSU Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center** directly (517-432-4000 or www.hfs.msu.edu/kellogg/) to book overnight accommodations.

* Please note that hotel accommodation fees and costs are not included with the conference and MDCR/MDCH/MIAAHC are not responsible for these charges.

For more information, please visit www.mi.gov/mdcr. If you have any questions regarding the conference, please call the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at 517-335-3165.

I plan to attend the following:

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- ☐ **Government and Human Relations Commissions**
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